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DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT: According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 6th/September, through Sunday, 13th/September there were 199 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3D2, 3V, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4U1U, 4X, 5A, 5B, 5H, 5R, 5T, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7X, 8P, 8Q, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9M2, 9M6, 9V, 9Y, A2, A4, A5, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C3, C9, CE, CE0Y, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, D4, DL, DU, E5/n, E5/s, E7, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, EU, EX, EZ, F, FG, FK, FM, FR, FS, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HH, HI, HK, HL, HP, HR, HS, HV, HZ, I, IS, J5, J6, J7, J8, JA, JD/o, JT, JW, JY, K, KG4, KH0, KH2, KH6, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ4, PY, PZ, S0, S5, S7, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T7, TA, TF, TG, TI, TK, TR, TZ, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V3, V5, V7, V8, VE, VK, VP2E, VP8, VP9, VR, VU, XE, XU, XW, XX9, YA, YB, YI, YJ, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, ZA, ZB, ZD7, ZF, ZL, ZP, ZS

* PLEASE NOTE: The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations or more likely a "BUSTED CALLSIGN". As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later".

8A100, INDONESIA. Members of the Indonesian Amateur Radio Organization (ORARI) of the Local City of Bandung will be active with special callsign 8A100GB from Bandung, Java Island (OC-021), until September 30th. Activity is to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Gedung Sate. Operations will be on all bands and modes; if possible, on the satellites and EME. QSL via 8A100GB, LoTW or ClubLog. For more details, see QRZ.com or:
<http://olkb.or.id/event/celebrating-100-years-of-gedung-sate>

9K90, KUWAIT (Special Event). Members of the Kuwait Amateur Radio Society (9K2TA) will be active as 9K90KSA between September 17-25th, to celebrate

the "Saudi National Day 90th" (see OPDX.1480, under HZ90, SAUDI ARABIA).
 QSL via 9K2RA by the BUREAU.

CU2, AZORES. Dave, WJ20, will be active CU2/WJ20 from Ponta Delgata, São Miguel Island (EU-003), between November 25th and December 1st (pending travel restrictions). He will also be on the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 28-29th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry. No 160m. QSL via N2ZN.

IOTA NEWS. The following are IOTA operations that were active this past week between September 7-12th (as per the DXCluster):

IOTA	Callsign	Island/GROUP	Bands/Modes
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AF-018	IH9YMC	Pantelleria	40/20/17m; CW/SSB
AF-022	ZD7FT	ST HELENA	20m; SSB
AF-049	3B8CW	MAURITIUS	17m; Digi
AS-004	5B4AAB	Cyprus	17m; SSB
AS-098	TA0S	Fethiye	20m; SSB
EU-001	SV5/HB9OAU	DODECANESE	20m; SSB
EU-005	2W0NED/M	Wales	40m; SSB
EU-005	GB1WSP	Great Britain	20m; SSB
EU-005	MM0ZBH	Scotland	20m; Digi
EU-005	MX1SWL/A	England	20m; Digi
EU-009	GM8OFQ	Hoy	20m; SSB
EU-013	GJ0KYZ	Jersey	30m; Digi
EU-024	IS0FDW	Sardinia	20m; SSB
EU-025	IT9PKO	SICILY	17m; Digi
EU-028	IA5MO	Giglio	80/40/30/20/17m; FT8/SSB
EU-032	TM1MAD	POITOU-CHARENTES REGION	40m; Digi
EU-033	LA9PJA/P	VESTERALEN ISLANDS/TROMS COUNTY SOUTH	20m; CW
EU-057	DA2W	RUGEN	40m; CW
EU-063	JW4PUA	SPITSBERGEN'S COASTAL	80m; Digi
EU-083	IP1A	LIGURIA REGION	80/40/20m; CW
EU-096	OH/DF9TM	Kustavi	40/20m; SSB
EU-096	OH/DL2SWW	Kustavi	40/20m; CW
EU-115	EI0CZ	IRELAND	20m; CW
EU-115	EI4CKB	IRELAND	30m; Digi
EU-115	EI6FR/P	IRELAND	20m; CW
EU-115	GI0CWV	IRELAND	40m; SSB
EU-116	MD0CCE	ISLE OF MAN	40m; Digi
EU-130	IQ3AZ/P	Safon	40/20m; CW/SSB
EU-135	SM/DH0JAE	Holmon	20m; CW/SSB
EU-135	SM/DL8MF	Holmon	40m; CW
EU-156	TM4IT	Tombelaine	40m; SSB
EU-172	OZ7PR/P	JYLLAND EAST AND FYN	40m; SSB
EU-173	OH/DF9TM	LANSI-SUOMI(PORI) PROVINCE	40m; SSB
EU-173	OH/DL2SWW	LANSI-SUOMI(PORI) PROVINCE	40/30/20m; CW
NA-015	CO2WL	Cuba	30m; Digi
NA-015	CO2XK	Cuba	30m; Digi
NA-021	8P6ET	BARBADOS	30/12m; Digi
NA-022	VP2ETE	ANGUILLA	20m; SSB
NA-027	VO1CH	NEWFOUNDLAND	20m; SSB
NA-029	VY2PLH	PRINCE EDWARD	20m; SSB
NA-029	VY2ZM	PRINCE EDWARD	40m; SSB
NA-085	K4I	S. George	40/20m; FT8
NA-096	HI8JSG	Dominican Republic	20m; SSB
NA-102	FG8OJ	Guadeloupe	30m; Digi
NA-108	J69DS	ST LUCIA	15m; Digi

NA-213	KK9W	Dauphin	40/20m; FT8/SSB
OC-016	3D2AG	VITI LEVU AND VANUA LEVU GROUP	30m; Digi
OC-021	YB0IBM	JAVA	20m; SSB
OC-021	YB1KI	JAVA	20m; SSB
OC-021	YB3DY	JAVA	40m; SSB
OC-028	V73NS	RALIK CHAIN	80m; CW
OC-032	FK8HA	NEW CALEDONIA	17m; Digi
OC-034	YB9YBB	NEW GUINEA	20m; SSB
OC-036	ZL1WN	NORTH	40/20m; SSB
OC-088	9M63MR	Borneo	20m; CW
OC-107	YF5NB	LINGGA	20m; FT8
SA-002	VP8LP	FALKLAND	20m; SSB
SA-002	VP8NO	FALKLAND	30m; FT8
SA-002	VP8ON	FALKLAND	30m; Digi
SA-011	9Z4Y	TRINIDAD	30m; Digi
SA-012	YV7RCV	NUEVA ESPARTA STATE	20m; SSB
SA-018	CE7VPQ	Chiloe	20m; SSB
SA-026	PP5FMM	SANTA CATARINA STATE CENTRE	15m; Digi
SA-036	P41RA	Aruba	17m; Digi

** Thanks to the individuals who put the island/group and mode on their QSNs on their PacketCluster reports....

- AF-018. Operator Raffaele, IH9YMC, will be active from Pantelleria Island (IIA TP-001, MIA MI-124, WW Loc. JM56XT), African Italy, during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 24-25th) as a Single-Op/Single-Band (??m) entry. QSL via LoTW.
- AS-117. (Update) Kenji, JA4GXS, who was expected to be active as JA4GXS/4 from Otsu Island between September 5-6th, has schedule his operation to this past weekend (between September 12-13th). QSL via his home callsign.
- EU-001. (Reminder) Claudio, HB9OAU, will once again be active as SV5/HB9OAU from Karpethos Island, Dodecanese, between September 12-25th. Activity will be on 80-10 meters using SSB, RTTY and possibly FT8. QSL via his home callsign, direct, by the Bureau, ClubLog, eQSL and LoTW.
- EU-008. Paul, G4PVM, will be active as GM4PVM from the Isle of Mull between September 22-26th. Activity will be holiday style on 40-10 meters using CW and SSB, with 100 watts into a vertical antenna. QSL via LoTW or eQSL (no QSL cards).
- EU-017. (Update) Members of the "Oriental Sicily Contest Team" (OSCT) [IB9O] will be active as ID9OSC from Panarea Island (IIA E006, IFF-0443) between September 16-20th. Operators mentioned are Dario/IT9ZZO, Alfio/IT9EJW, Giovanni/IT9GAC, Salvo/IT9IDR, Salvo/IT9LXX, Riccardo/IT9NKT, Eugenio/IT9VKY and Parisi/IW9HSK. Activity is to celebrate OSCT's 10th anniversary. QSL via ClubLog's OQRS or LoTW. QSL via the Bureau to IT9ZZO. For more details and updates, see: <https://www.osct.it/panarea2020>
- EU-038. Ben, DO1BEN, will be active as PD/DO1BEN from Texel Island between September 19th and October 1st, and again on October 12-22nd. Activity will be on 40/20 meters using SSB and the Digital modes. QSL via his home callsign, Bureau is preferred.

IOTA TOUR. Operators Ric/DL2VFR and Klaus/DL7UXG will be active from the following IOTAs:
September 13-17th -- Orust (EU-043); callsigns SD3G/6 and SD7V/6
September 18-21st -- Alnön (EU-087); callsigns SD3G and SD7V/3
Activity will be on various HF bands using CW, SSB and FT8/FT4.
QSL SD7V via DL2VFR (direct/Bureau) and SD3G via DL7UXG (direct/Bureau/ClubLog/LotW/eQSL).

PLEASE NOTE: Since the Webmasters of the new have decided NOT to post or dedicate a Web page to announce upcoming IOTA operations, PLEASE send your IOTA operations information to the OPDX, and we will post it here in an upcoming bulletin.....

IY, ITALY (Special Event). The Calabria DX Team has once again organized Marconi Day & Award for the second year. The following accredited stations of various associations will be using the special prefix "IY" on the air on Marconi Day and for the following week for an event in honor of Guglielmo Marconi. Look for the following stations in Italy to be active to commemorate 2020 Marconi Day between September 14-23rd:

IY0NV - Circolo ARS Sassari	IY5ARS - Circolo ARS Prato
IY0WV - Circolo ARS Frosinone	IY5CB - Circolo ARS Pistoia
IY0WY - Circolo ARS Formia	IY5MD - Circolo ARS Valdinevole
IY1LY - CISAR Genoa Section	IY6SB - Sec. ARI S.Benedetto T.
IY1OD - Circ. ARS Valle Arroscia	IY7GMB - Barium DX Team
IY2MD - Circolo ARS B.Comasca	IY8EJ - ARI Cosenza Section
IY2XZ - MDXC	IY8MD - Calabria DX Team
IY3ARS - Circolo ARS Alto Friuli	IY8PC - ARI Portici Section
IY4ARS - Circolo ARS Prato	IY9MD - Sec. ARI Caltanissetta

Activity will be on 160-6 meters using CW, SSB and the Digital modes (FT8/FT4/RTTY/PSK). Special awards and prizes are available. For QSL info, please see QRZ.com for each callsign. For more details, see:
<https://marconiday2020.jimdosite.com>

J42, GREECE. Vasilios, SV2HXX, will be active as J42C from Thessaloniki during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 24-25th) as a Single-Op entry on 80-10 meters. QSL via SV2HXX, direct, eQSL or LotW.

J8, ST. VINCENT (Rescheduled). Brian, GW4DVB, who was going to be active from here between November 23rd and December 1st, has scheduled his J88PI operation from Palm Island (aka Prune Island, WW Loc. FK92HO, IOTA NA-025), in the St. Vincent and the Grenadines Island group, between July 23rd and August 1st, 2021. Activity will be holiday style on 40/20/17/15/10/6 meters using CW (upon request), SSB, SSTV and FT8. He will use a Yaesu FT991A into a 10m vertical antenna, a M0CVO HW-40HP off center fed dipole and possibly new antennas. QSL via GW4DVB direct only (PayPal available) to: PO Box 20:20, Llanharan, Pontyclun, Wales - UK CF72 9ZA. For more details and updates, check: <http://www.g4dvh.co.uk>

ADDED NOTE: Palm Island is an exclusive, private-island resort. This idyllic tropical hideaway is situated near the southern tip of St. Vincent and the Grenadines, an idyllic archipelago of 32 tropical islands and cays known for its stunning natural beauty, clear, warm waters and turtles.

JX2, JAN MAYEN ISLAND. Erik, LA2US/JW2US, will be active as JX2US from Olonkin City, Jan Mayen Island (EU-022), sometime during October 2020 and March 2021 (specific dates were not mentioned). Activity will be limited to his spare time with a focus on CW and FT8 on 160/80/40/30 meters. The other HF bands will be activated too, if/when time and con-

ditions permit. Erik states that CW activity will be on/around the IOTA frequencies or at the lower band edges: Suggested FT8 (F/H mode) frequencies are: 1843, 3585, 7056, 10131 and 14090 kHz. His equipment is: FTDX-5000MP, RigExpert 5K, SPE Expert 1K-FA and OCFD antenna. QSL only via ClubLog's OQRS, at: <https://clublog.org/logsearch/JX2US> QSL card service via the OQRS (ClubLog) will open when he returns home in April 2021. Upload to LoTW will be after he returns home. IMPORTANT: Do not send direct QSL requests to Jan Mayen by mail! Erik will not handle any QSL card requests while he is on Jan Mayen.

JX0X JAN MAYEN ISLAND DXPEDITION NEWS (Update). The JX0X team announced this past week that they have two new operators -- Erwann/LB1QI and Allan/EA3HSO. They also reported with regret that Mats, RM2D, had to withdraw due to personal reasons. They currently have 5 operators, but will soon expand the team to 6 operators to complete the JX team. They feel with 6 operators, they will be able to have 4 stations running. The team continues to work hard on the vessel contract and is still negotiating the details. This contract is extremely important to them not only financially, but also logistically for a good outcome of their DXpedition. During last week, the team was able to have their permit to stay onshore Jan Mayen (with military permission) extended to 14 days between the period of mid-September and mid-October. The final dates within this period will be determined later knowing that weather plays a major factor. No DXpedition team nor boat has ever landed on Jan Mayen in the winter, and even very rarely in September. According to the authorities, no team has ever be allowed to land on the island during the winter, which means that this is the only opportunity to do a low band DXpedition trip during this selected period. The JX0X team is very pleased with the support from all clubs and foundations with 19,000 USDs so far, they still have a long way to go for the needed funds. The success of this DXpedition will depend on the support they receive from the DX community. While many DXers have concerns related to COVID-19, there will be no DXpedition without support. In addition, If the trip is cancelled due to COVID-19, they will be contractually covered by this. The final decision to leave will depend on the level of support from the DX community.

ANOTHER UPDATE AS OF SEPTEMBER 11TH. Reports from a few different sources (LA7GIA, FaceBook, LB1QI..etc) indicate that the JX0X DXpedition "maybe" in a difficult situation and "may" cancel due to the upcoming JX2US operation (see above). Ken, LA7GIA, states that the team's main concern is the matter of if they will be able to raise the remaining funds and willing to sign an expensive vessel contract with all the added uncertainties. They need more time to sign the vessel contract while they carefully consider what to do. In the meantime, they encourage everyone who wants to have a good low band show next fall to support them upfront, and donate to their PayPal account (jx0x@la7gia.com). They offer 100% refund of all donations in case their DXpedition is canceled. They expect the final decision to take a few months and it is dependent on their financial situation.

K4, UNITED STATES (POW/MIA Event). Observances of National POW MIA Recognition Day are held across this country on the third Friday in September each year. This year the K4MIA station will be in operation between September 12-22nd. This will be the 12th year the special event station has been activated. The day was established to honor our prisoners of war and those who are still missing in action. There will be sister stations, K4MIA/1 (Don) VT, K4MIA/5 (John,Steve) TX, K4MIA/5 (Larry) MS, K4MIA/7 (Lee) UT, K4MIA/8 (Linda,Metro) OH on the air also. Contacts will be made on SSB, CW, SSTV, LEO satellites, PSK31 and FT8. For a QSL, please send your QSL and SASE to address on QRZ.com (picture of the QSL is on

QRZ.com). Working any of the K4MIA stations will receive the SAME QSL. Because of the large volume of requests you "MUST SEND SASE" to get a returned QSL. Please take time to remember our POW's and MIA's as well as their families.

OPDX MAILING LIST (Just A Reminder). Details on how to subscribe and unsubscribe from the "OPDX Mailing List" are at the bottom of this bulletin. PLEASE pass the word around.... Thanks and 73 de Tedd KB8NW

OY, FAROE ISLANDS (Reminder). Operators Torsten/DL4APJ and Udo/DL2AQI will be active as OY/DL4APJ and OY/DL2AQI, respectively, from the Faroe Islands (EU-018) between September 15-23rd. Activity will be holiday style on 80-10 meters using CW, SSB and the Digital modes (RTTY, PSK, FT8). QSL via their home callsigns, by the DARC Bureau, direct, eQSL or LoTW.

PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (September 14-20th).....

Sep/14th AN	Sep/17th AN	Sep/19th AN
Sep/15th AN	Sep/18th AN	Sep/20th AN
Sep/16th AN		

SOLAR REFERENCE KEYS/INDEXES AND GEOMAGNETIC REFERENCE

NORMALITY	GEOMAG	K Values	Alpha
AN - Above Normal	Quiet	K=0-1	0-7
HN - High Normal	Unsettled	K=2	8-15
LN - Low Normal	Active	K=3	16-29
BN - Below Normal	Minor Storm	K=4	30-49
DIS - Disturbed	Major Storm	K=5	50-99
VRy DIS - Very Disturbed	Severe Storm	K=6-9	100-400

Meanwhile, check out the following Web sites for propagation:

- * VOACAP predication Web page at: <http://www.voacap.com/hf>
and <http://www.voacap.com/prediction.html>
- * DX.QSL.NET Propagation page: <https://dx.qsl.net/propagation>
- * A daily HF radio wave propagation forecast can be found at:
<https://www.facebook.com/thomasfranklingiellaw4hm>
- * SolarHam Web page: <http://www.solarham.net>
- * Radio Propagation/Space Weather/Sunspot Cycle Information at:
<http://sunspotwatch.com>
- * News and Information About The Sun-Earth Environment:
<https://www.spaceweather.com>
- * Monthly propagation charts between four USA regions and twelve overseas locations are at: <http://arrrl.org/propagation>
- * Information and tutorials on propagation are at: <http://k9la.us>
- * Graphic propagation tool by DR2W: <http://www.dr2w.de/dx-propagation>
- * Point to point propagation at: <http://www.predtest.uk/p2p.html>
- * Real-time propagation at: <http://www.predtest.uk>
- * Also on Twitter: <https://twitter.com/GiellaW4hm>

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

QSL-INFO from DB0SDX by Lothar, DL1SBF (www.qslinfo.eu) (September 13th)

3A/IW1RBI via IW1RBI	HG3X via HA3IN	J42L via SV2DCD (d/L)
4L2M via EA7FTR; UT7QF (Ukraine)	HG4I via HA5LN	OD5ZF via IZ8CLM & (L)
4X0T via 4Z5FI & (L)	I3/PA4AGO via PA4AGO	OM/SQ9MDF/P via SQ9MDF
9A/DL9RNV via DL9RNV	II0BIKE via 9A5URI	OM0R via OM3GI
9A5MX via DJ4MX	II2S via IZ2FOS	PJ4DX via M0URX (O/L)

D4Z via HB9DUR(d/L); IK2NCJ (B) II8IGNL via IU8CEU PX2A via PY2VM
EA8RM via EB7DX & (L) II9IABJ via IT9YBL UN9L via LZ1YE (d/L)
ED3T via N4GMR (d/L) II9IHPM via 9A5URI VY2ZM via EA7HBC & (L)
HB0/DL5YM via DL5YM IP1A via IU3EDK & (e) YI/IU5HWS via IU5HWS (d)

(e) eQSL only (d) direct only (B) Bureau only (*-B) DX's- Bureau
(O) OQRS only (C) ClubLog only (L) LoTW only (N) No QSL needed
(I) No IRC (P) PayPal (NB) No Bureau (n) no printed QSLs

QSLs RECEIVED VIA LoTW: HZ1BW, TO80SP and ZS1A

QSLs RECEIVED VIA MAIL: 5E6A, E44RU, RI0B (AS-068), TA0/R7AL, TF1A
(6m FT8), XR8RRC (SA-032) and XR8RRC/mm

QSLs RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: NONE REPORTED THIS WEEK!!!!

--- We would like to see more QSL Bureaus (such as AS/US/SA/AF.. etc)
send in their info....

SILENT KEY. Martti, OH2BH, sent out the following press release on September 11th (edited): OT VILHO VIRTANEN, OH3VV, 94, SILENT KEY --
LET'S PAY OUR RESPECTS TO THE MEMORY OF VILI, OH3VV, IN THE 62nd SCANDINAVIAN ACTIVITY CONTEST NEXT WEEK SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1200 UTC, to September 20, 1200 UTC -- On September 9th, 2020, OT Vili, OH3VV, 94, left us and departed for better propagation regions, further up in the horizon! Vili was one of the most active and internationally known OH-hams in the 1960's through the Finn-Net operated by him and his late XYL, Irmeli, OH3TJ. Vili was involved in a vast variety of activities and all foreign hams visiting Finland experienced his hospitality and camaraderie. Villi was a true Ham - spelled with a capital H.

Vili was a true DXer and contesteer in the terms' realest meaning - he had worked them all - Kosovo was his last one. He was also a contesteer who participated and won the very first SAC in 1958 (OH5QN), and still jumped into the 60th SAC last year, using a specially granted callsign, OH2A. See his interview after the 2019 SAC:

<https://www.sactest.net/blog/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/SAC-Booklet-2019.pdf>
Vili missed his 100th birthday by only some time, but his legacy will be with us forever.

More details will follow about OT Vili, OH2TH/OH3VV, but those who knew him well will remember Vili in next week's SAC by the distinctive code VV.

Come along and see the rules at: <https://.sactest.net/blog/rules>
RIP OT Vili, OH3VV

Martti, OH2BH and all of Vili's friends in Amateur Radio.

An added tribute by Don, K8MFO, was also included in the press release: "Remembering Ville Virtanen - OH3VV, A Very Special Friend from the Distance" -- I first encountered Ville in 1983 when Dad - K8HHZ (also SK) and I were planning our very first trip to Finland. One of our mandated stops was to visit Ville and Irmeli - OH3TJ. This pattern was repeated in 1986 during our second trip to Finland.

Every occasion with the Virtanens was fun and pleasant. Ville was a skilled and knowledgeable operator. When he decided to become active on 160 meters, he produced a quality signal. When a little imagination was required, Ville knew what to do. For the very first 4J1FS operation, Finland was in a difficult spot for propagation on 20 meters. So, Ville and some pals set up a station close to Finnish/Russian border and got a new one. A few people shook their heads, but the mission was accomplished.

I will miss Ville. It was my pleasure to work Ville in the 2019 running

of the SAC. This was our last QSO. But I will always have the fond memories of knowing a kind and thoughtful man, who knew what it took to work DX and contests. You do not replace men like that. Rest in Peace, Ville.

Your friend, Don Karvonen - K8MFO, 10 September 2020

SPECIAL EVENT. Just a reminder that the 21st annual "Route 66 On The Air" special event (with 21 stations; two are rovers) continues until 2359z on Sunday, September 20th. For more details, see OPDX.1480.1 or the Web page: <http://w6jbt.org>

TO0, ST. BARTHELEMY (Reminder). Operators Marco/FS4WBS, Claude/FS5GL and Franck/FG4ST are planning to be active as TO0Z (not FJ/FS4WBS and FJ/FS5GL as first reported) from Saint Barthelemy (NA-146) between September 14-17th. Activity will be on 40/20/17 meters using CW, SSB and FT8, with an IC-7300 into a multi-band dipoles and a CrankIR vertical. QSL via IZ1MHY or LoTW.

VP8JP SOUTH ORKNEY ISLANDS (AN-008) DXPEDITION (Final Press Release, dated September 13th, 2020). We have closed the books on the VP8PJ DX-pedition to the South Orkney Islands.

Due to the global pandemic our equipment was returned to California about two months later than planned. Nothing was missing or damaged during the extended journey.

Thanks to the worldwide clubs/foundations, the DX community and our corporate sponsors, the project met all operational and financial goals. We appreciate the continued support from the DX community.

Consistent with our commitment to upload the complete VP8PJ log to LoTW six months following the DX-pedition, Tim M0URX will upload the complete log on 15 September.

Planning for our next project is underway. Exact timing will depend on lifting of the global travel restrictions, issuance of the landing permit and ship scheduling, early 2022 is the plan.

Watch for press releases as this new project unfolds.

73, VP8PJ Leadership Team

Website: <https://sorkney.com/>

Please direct your questions to: info@sorkney.com

**** ADDED NOTE (By Editor): The Perseverance DX Group (PDXG) sent out an additional note to the club and foundation sponsors who donated funds to show how they spent their money, attached was a summary of the project.

In the note it stated the following: Typical of any DXpedition to the Southern Ocean, the most expensive line items were the ship and freight, ~75% of the total cost. Overall, we were very happy with the outcome, both operationally and financially.

We appreciate the support from the global DX community and the corporate sponsors.

PDXG has begun planning for its next project, ZL9 - New Zealand Sub Antarctic Islands. We're currently working with the New Zealand authorities for the landing permit and the ship owner. The global travel restrictions must be resolved before anything can happen, our plan is 1Q/2022..... Thanks again for the support.... 73, Gene K5GS

VP9, BERMUDA. Jeff, N1SNB, will once again be active as VP9/N1SNB from Bermuda (NA-005) between October 21-26th (pending travel restrictions). Activity will be on various HF bands, but focused on the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 24-25th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry. QSL via his home callsign.

WWROF NEWS (Seeks Youth Oriented Grant Applications). Tim, K3LR, WWROF Chairman, posted on September 7th, the following: The World Wide Radio Operators Foundation "WWROF" encourages youth Amateur Radio grant applications. WWROF is looking for worthy projects that can help shape the future of Amateur Radio. The WWROF grant application form is here:

<https://wwrof.org/grant-application>

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